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Director Meredith Hatfield
NH Office of Energy and Planning
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Director Hatfield and Members of the Energy Advisory Council:

I greatly appreciate your hard work in advancing a clean energy vision for New Hampshire. The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has over 8,000 members and an additional 10,000 subscribers to our publications, such as *Ranger Rick* in New Hampshire. We are proud to also have a wonderful state affiliate, New Hampshire Audubon which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year in protecting wildlife and connecting people to nature. NWF members know that in order to protect wildlife and ensure a conservation legacy for future generations, we need a clean energy future.

NWF joins many state organizations in urging you to set a goal in the state energy strategy to reduce the export of our energy dollars from 66% (nearly \$4 billion annually)¹, to 50% by 2023, retaining over \$1 billion of economic wealth each year in New Hampshire. This goal can be reached by pursuing the following three strategies:

1. Significantly ramp up energy efficiency and conservation through system wide efficiency investments (customer-side and utility/supplier-side), to reduce overall energy use;
2. Replace imported fossil fuel use with locally produced renewable energy, with an emphasis on:
 - a. distributed generation
 - b. utility-scale generation
 - c. thermal and electric fuel switching for heating, cooling, and transportation needs; and,
3. Unleash the private market to finance the infrastructure by minimizing policy risk, sending clear market signals, and better leveraging our minimal available public funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Vermont Energy Investment Corporation et al. September 30, 2011. [*Independent Study of Energy Policy Issues*](#).